

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Brian G. Morin et al.

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For: **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING LOW
CONTAMINANT WIPER**

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: John J. Guarriello

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Response and Amendment B

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the March 17, 2003 USPTO action, Applicants submit the following amendments, remarks and Petition and Fee for Extension of Time.

In the Title:

Please amend the title to the following: "Low Contaminant Polyester Wiper."

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 17-36, now pending in the application, without prejudice, and add Claims 37-56. A clean set of newly added Claims 37-56 is attached hereto and identified as Appendix 1.

35 USC §§ 102 and 103 Remarks

Claims 17, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(a), as being anticipated by JP-09-119067. Additionally, Claims 17-36 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a), as being unpatentable over JP-09-119067.

Before addressing the merits of the §102 and §103 rejections, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the 37 CFR §1.131 affidavit of Dr. Brian G. Morin, demonstrating prior invention, relative to JP-09-119067, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The effective date of JP-09-119067 as a reference is its publication date, that is May 6, 1997. For the Examiner's reference, an English language translation of JP-09-119067 is enclosed.